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☑ CHECKLIST FOR ALL OFFICE-BASED EMPLOYEES

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<u>Individuals are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings over the nose and mouth wherever it is not feasible to maintain 6 feet of social distancing from another person not in the same household.</u>

The following are the health recommendations for all office-based employees in Texas. These health recommendations are not a limit on the health protocols that individuals may adopt. Individuals are encouraged to adopt additional protocols consistent with their specific needs and circumstances to help protect the health and safety of all Texans.

The virus that causes COVID-19 can be spread to others by infected persons who have few or no symptoms. Even if an infected person is only mildly ill, the people they spread it to may become seriously ill or even die, especially if that person is 65 or older with pre-existing health conditions that place them at higher risk. Because of the hidden nature of this threat, everyone should rigorously follow the practices specified in these recommendations. The virus that causes COVID-19 is still circulating in our communities. We should continue to observe practices that protect everyone, including those who are most vulnerable.

Please note, public health guidance cannot anticipate every unique situation. Individuals should stay informed and take actions based on common sense and wise judgment that will protect health and support economic revitalization.

Health recommendations for individuals:

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	Self-screen before going into an office for any of the following new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19:			
		Cough		Sore throat
		Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing		Loss of taste or smell
		Chills		Diarrhea
		Repeated shaking with chills		Feeling feverish or a measured temperature
		Muscle pain	_	greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
		Headache	Ш	Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19
	Wash or disinfect hands upon entering an office and after any interaction with employees, contractors, customers, or items in the office.			
	Limit the use of standard-size elevators to four individuals at a time, each located at a different corner of the elevator, to avoid close contact. In elevators, masks are strongly encouraged. For individuals not wishing to ride an elevator, ensure stairways are available for use. As appropriate, individuals subject to the Americans with Disabilities Act may ride the elevator alone or accompanied by the individual's caregiver.			
	Carry hand sanitizer, and use it regularly, while at the office, especially after contact with individuals outside the household.			